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**Lt. General W. A. Davis, USAF**  
Vice Commander, Air Force Systems Command  
Andrews Air Force Base  
Washington, D. C. 20331

Dear General Davis:

Admiral Raborn has asked me to thank you for your offer to provide a briefing on the [ ] proposal. As you indicated, we do have an interest in the objectives of the Project. I believe it would be advisable, however, if a few of my knowledgeable officers were given an opportunity to review the Project proposal and to discuss its technical aspects before proceeding further on this matter.

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If your Project Manager would contact Mr. [ ] of the Directorate for Science and Technology, he would be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. He can be reached on [ ]

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Sincerely,

**Richard Helms**

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Lt. General W. A. Davis, USAF  
Vice Commander, Air Force Systems Command  
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Washington, D. C. 20331

Dear General Davis:

Thank you for your offer of 17 February 1966 to provide a briefing on the [redacted] proposal. As you indicated, we do have an interest in the objectives of the Project. I believe it would be advisable, however, if a few of my knowledgeable officers were given an opportunity to review the Project proposal and to discuss its technical aspects before proceeding further on this matter.

If your Project Manager would contact Mr. [redacted] of the Directorate for Science and Technology, he would be pleased to make the necessary arrangements. He can be reached on [redacted]

Sincerely,

W. F. Raborn  
Director

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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE  
HEADQUARTERS AIR FORCE SYSTEMS COMMAND  
ANDREWS AIR FORCE BASE, WASHINGTON, D.C. 20331



REPLY TO  
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17 FEB 1966

SUBJECT: Project ICE BOX

TO: The Honorable William F. Raborn  
Director, Central Intelligence Agency  
Washington, D.C. 20505

1. When you visited this Headquarters on 25 October 1965 Col Sleeper briefed you on the Technological Threat and Communist world-wide progress in subversive aggression against free nations. He mentioned at that time that we were developing a study proposal in AFSC to investigate the feasibility of an automatic data read-out system for showing in near real-time the degree of Communist subversion in each country in the world based on semantic analysis.

2. The proposal for this study has been staffed in this Headquarters and submitted to Hq USAF. The Air Force responsibility in this matter is probably not as heavy as CIA's, although our interest is, of course, very sharp. I think you should be briefed on this proposal and that you may wish to indicate CIA's interest in participating in or supporting this project. If you will indicate a convenient time, I will be glad to set this briefing up for you.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "W. A. Davis", is located below the typed name.

W. A. DAVIS  
Lt General, USAF  
The Adjutant

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